

Warehouse  
Rear of 100-102 N. Main Street  
Concord  
Merrimack County  
New Hampshire

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Location: Rear 100-102 North Main Street, Concord,  
Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Present Owner: New Industries Corporation

Present Use: Warehouse for storage.

Significance: A utilitarian structure built of locally quarried granite. The building has had few changes over the years.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Building built prior to 1890; Sept. 18, 1890 Martha C. Warde sells to Nathan P. Stevens "the stone building now on said land" (Merrimack County Registry of Deeds, 293/60). Oct. 2, 1911 Nathan P. Stevens sells to Walter L. Jenks (401/12). Dec 19, 1911 Walter L. Jenks sells to Concord Belting Company (401/11). Nov. 12, 1912 Concord Belting Company sells to Page Belting Company (408/122). Jan. 24, 1920 Page Belting Company sells to New Industries Corporation (442/364). New Industries Corporation to date.
2. Date of erection: Unknown; Prior to 1890.
3. Architect: Unknown.
4. Builder, Suppliers: Unknown; built of granite which probably came from quarry in North Concord.
5. Original plans, construction: Unknown. Masonry construction employs traditional methods to cover openings - i.e. arched windows and doors spanned by voussoirs and keystone.
6. Alterations and additions: No documents or references to the original erection or subsequent changes can be found. Only alteration is the adaptation of top stories to serve as modern storage bins.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION.

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Strong architectural appeal comes from purely formal and visual factors; good lines and proportions, straightforward and bold use of materials and effective fenestration.
2. Condition of Fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions:
2. Foundations: Granite. The ground level is different on all four sides of the building. Later additions of fill partially bury first storey walls and windows on south side and second storey wall and windows on west side (this latter being made into a ramp, the top of which is at the level of the third storey). Here is where the present entrance to the building is. The north side wall is also filled partially and has a ramp abutting it providing access through a large door into the second storey. The ground level on the east side is original; there is no access to it from the outside i.e. the ground storey. There never were any openings built in the ground storey wall on the west side; the ground was higher on this side of the building. Original entrance to ground storey was on north side; it is now bricked in.
3. Wall Construction: Granite. Granite for three stories, smoothly dressed on exterior but of rough cut blocks. Two stringcourses (between 1st and 2nd and 2nd and 3rd stories) run completely around building. Fourth storey wall above pent roof is of stud frame construction and covered on exterior with slates. Wall corners are decorated with "long and short work" and give the appearance of quoins. Iron plates and bolts for station rods are visible on exterior of walls.
4. Porches, stoops, etc: Wooden loading porch and shed roof at the entrance to the building, NW corner, 3d sty. Iron fire escape on west side.
5. Chimneys: Simple square brick stack in middle of south end.
6. Doorways and Doors - Openings:
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double sliding garage type door on 2nd sty. NE corner, N wall, accessible by ramp from Eagle Ave. Door to storage area (3rd floor) is in W wall, NW corner, 3rd storey.

- b. Windows and shutters: The windows on the first three stories are all round topped, framed by segmental stone arches with voussoirs and key-stones and one peice stone sills. Each opening holds two six-light casement sash and "fanlight" of five vertical panes. Top storey contains 6/6 double hung sash. Ground sty. windows boarded up. No shutters.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Very low angle pitch, a few degrees above the horizontal. Covering of top inaccessible - probably asphalt or tar. Pronounced pent roof at the top of the third story; wood soffit, ogee mould for cornice and slate cover.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Simple wood ogee mould on pent eaves and roof eaves.
- c. Dormers, cupolas: None.
- d. Framing: Five sets of trusses, each with two posts. Rafters run between them, with the long axis of building.

C. Technical Description of Interior:

- 1. Floor plans: All floors same in plan. Third and top floors are presently used for storage and are partitioned up into bins with 2 by 4's and chicken wire. First floor and second floor are unused and empty. No partitions except for enclosed elevator shaft in North end of bldg. Interior framework supporting floors is clearly visible; beams show circular saw marks.
- 2. Stairways: 1st to 2nd floor - narrow flight at north end of building; second to 3rd storey same. 3rd sty. to top floor broad flight for ease of moving large objects to storage areas.
- 3. Flooring: Thick wide boards, well worn. Floor joists are 4 by 8's.
- 4. Wall and Ceiling finish: 1st, 2nd and 3rd stys: rough unfinished stone; top storey, vertical studs and horizontal weather boards.

5. Doorways and Doors: None
6. Trim: None
7. Hardware: On top floor is an old engine, probably contemporary with building, with overhead pulley and belt. Probably used to supply power for elevator.
8. Lighting: None
9. Heating: Remains of an old furnace in centre of south end. Brick chimney stack runs up through roof. No duct work visible; bldg was probably never heated.

D. Site:

1. Orientation: Long axis of building runs north-south. There is no major facade; best view of bldg is taken from the east.
2. Enclosures: Low stone wall runs parallel with the east side of building, about 12 feet out from bldg.
3. Outbuildings: none.
4. Walks, Drives, etc: Present access is by Eagle ave to the Northwest corner of the bldg; entrance into third floor.
5. Landscaping, etc: None.

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